

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

JULIUS A. HINES, )  
AIS #217230, )  
Plaintiff, )  
 )  
v. ) CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:22-00169-TFM-N  
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WEXFORD HEALTH SOURCES, )  
INC. *et al.*, )  
Defendants. )

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Plaintiff Julius A. Hines, an Alabama inmate proceeding pro se, filed a civil action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (Doc. 1). The District Judge assigned to this case referred this action to the undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and S.D. Ala. GenLR 72(a)(2)(R) for appropriate resolution. (*See* Doc. 4). Hines failed to comply with the Court's orders dated May 2, 2022 (Doc. 2) and June 17, 2022 (Doc. 3). Accordingly, the undersigned **RECOMMENDS** that this action be **DISMISSED without prejudice**.

On May 2, 2022, the Court issued an order directing Hines to, no later than May 30, 2022: (1) refile his § 1983 complaint using the Court's updated form; and (2) either (a) pay the \$402.00 filing fee or (b) file a motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis. (Doc. 2, PageID.10). The Court cautioned Hines that failure to update his address would result in a recommendation that this action be dismissed. (*See* Doc. 2, PageID.10–11). However, Hines failed to comply. The Court's order was not returned as undeliverable, but the Court's review of ADOC's inmate registry revealed that

Hines is now incarcerated at Limestone Correctional Facility—not Kilby Correctional Facility, his address on record.<sup>1</sup>

Despite this failure, the Court sua sponte updated Hines's address and afforded him another opportunity to comply. (*See* Doc. 3). The Court again warned Hines that failure to comply with the order would result in the undersigned recommending that his case be dismissed without prejudice. (Doc. 3, PageID.13). Hines again failed to comply with the Court's order. This order was not returned as undeliverable and Hines is still listed at his updated address at Limestone Correctional Facility.

As a consequence of Hines's failure to comply with the Court's orders and to prosecute this action, and upon consideration of the alternatives that are available to the Court, the undersigned **RECOMMENDS** that this action be **DISMISSED without prejudice** pursuant to Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as no other lesser sanction will suffice. *See Link v. Wabash R. R.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630 (1962) (interpreting Rule 41(b) not to restrict the court's inherent authority to dismiss sua sponte an action for lack of prosecution); *World Thrust Films, Inc. v. International Family Entertainment, Inc.*, 41 F.3d 1454, 1456–57 (11th Cir. 1995); *Mingo v. Sugar Cane Growers Co-op*, 864 F.2d 101, 102 (11th Cir. 1989); *Goforth v. Owens*, 766 F.2d 1533, 1535 (11th Cir. 1985); *Jones v. Graham*, 709 F.2d 1457, 1458 (11th Cir. 1983); *accord Chambers v. NASCO, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 32 (1991) (ruling that federal courts'

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.doc.state.al.us/inmatesearch>.

inherent power to manage their own proceedings authorized the imposition of attorney's fees and related expenses as a sanction); *Malautea v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 987 F.2d 1536, 1545-46 (11th Cir. 1993) (finding that the court's inherent power to manage actions before it permitted the imposition of fines), *cert. denied*, 510 U.S. 863 (1993).

The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to mail a copy of this Report and Recommendation to Hines.

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO FILE OBJECTIONS**

A copy of this report and recommendation shall be served on all parties in the manner provided by law. Any party who objects to this recommendation or anything in it must, within fourteen (14) days of the date of service of this document, file specific written objections with the Clerk of this Court. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); S.D. Ala. GenLR 72(c). The parties should note that under Eleventh Circuit Rule 3-1, “[a] party failing to object to a magistrate judge's findings or recommendations contained in a report and recommendation in accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) waives the right to challenge on appeal the district court's order based on unobjected-to factual and legal conclusions if the party was informed of the time period for objecting and the consequences on appeal for failing to object. In the absence of a proper objection, however, the court may review on appeal for plain error if necessary in the interests of justice.” 11th Cir. R. 3-1. In order to be specific, an objection must identify the specific finding or recommendation to which objection is made, state the basis for the objection, and specify the place in the

Magistrate Judge's report and recommendation where the disputed determination is found. An objection that merely incorporates by reference or refers to the briefing before the Magistrate Judge is not specific.

**DONE** this the 29th day of July 2022.

/s/ Katherine P. Nelson  
**KATHERINE P. NELSON**  
**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**